(b) the reasons why the Trivandrum Rajdhani Express Train is just a bi-weekly train;

(c) what is the volume of passengers on the New Delhi/Nizamuddin Trivandrum route;

(d) whether Government proposes to make Trivandrum Rajdhani Express train daily to meet the heavy rush of traffic on this route; and

(e) if so, by when Government proposes to increase the frequency and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The traffic between New Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram route varies from time to time. During peak rush period the demand outstrips the availability whereas during lean period accommodation is generally adequate.

(b) Due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) During April' 2007 to October' 2007 on an average 4179 passengers were booked per day on the New Delhi/Nizamuddin Thiruvananthapuram route.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion of Sakari-Jhanjharpur-Laukha rail line

†1308. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work related to gauge conversion from narrow (meter) gauge to broad gauge rail line situated at Sakari to Jhanjharpur and Jhanjharpur to Laukha under Samastipur rail division of East Central Railway, Hajipur has not been taken up, so far; and

(b) if so, by when the work of gauge conversion from the above two narrow (meter) rail sections into broad rail track would be taken up and the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. The work on the Sakari-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali & Saharsa - Forbesganj Gauge Conversion project has been taken up.

(b) Does not arise. .

Travelling facilities to candidates of postponed recruitment test

1309. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recruitment test which was to be held recently at Patna has been postponed;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.